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HEADQUARTERS
2156TH AIR RESCUE SQUADRON (TT)
Mobile Training Unit
McCall, Idaho

5 March 1952

SUBJECT: Historical Data Report, 1 January 1952 - 1 March 1952.
Section 2.

1. Transfer to ARCS.

A directive from Headquarters MATS dated 17 January 1952 requested ARCS to take over operation of the school at McCall, Idaho. Training is to include three phases: Classroom instruction in all-climatic survival procedures, field training under actual conditions, and specialized evasion and escape techniques.

2. Problems.

a. Personnel.

Of the original 12 NCO instructors (5 from 2156th ARS (TTU), MacDill AFB and 7 from 3904th Composite Wing, SAC, Camp Carson, Colorado), only 5 remained with the unit after the move to McCall. All of these were from MacDill AFB. Instructor spaces are to come from within present ARCS authorizations and steps are being taken to obtain civilian instructors in addition to airmen instructors.

b. Installation.

The U. S. Forest Service buildings now being used are to be vacated on 1 May 1952. At that time the unit will be moved to Thorn Creek in the vicinity of McCall. Procurement of prefabricated buildings is under way.

c. Augmentation.

Following move to Thorn Creek installation, an augmented training program will be undertaken to include all ARCS and ARS flight crews, ATU and AWS instructors, etc.

3. Monthly Report on Activities.

a. January 1952.

P and Stu class of 40 students (with own instructors) from 2156th ARS (TTU), MacDill AFB, used the area for training, were furnished equipment, transport and two meals.

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Radio station (BBLCC) was established, communications with Gowen Field and Mt. Home AFB.

Classroom, displays and supply were established. Work went forward on selection of training areas, survey of border area, preparation of lectures and training aids, etc.

Curricula for three (3) courses to be offered under the augmented training program were formulated.

b. February 1952.

Class No. 52-1 commenced 14 February, to terminate 5 March. Trainees were 12 MTU instructors from ARS en route to overseas stations and 3 ARS instructors to remain with the unit. Included also were 8 civilian trainees from the Department of Defense, to complete training 17 March.

A number of visits were made by personnel from Mt. Home AFB and Washington, D. C. in connection with the augmentation program. On 2 February Lt Colonel Dixon, C/O 1300th Training Squadron, and party made a staff visit.

On 6 February Captain Woodward, 1300th Medical Group, conducted a sanitary inspection and passed on the installation.

Lt Colonel Fuller, AIO Mt. Home AFB, arrived on 16 February to discuss construction needs.

On 19 February Major Schmucker, Intelligence Officer 1300th Air Base Wing, visited the unit on security matters.

A staff visit by Colonel Millard Young, Commander ARCS, took place on 22 - 24 February.

A staff visit was made on 28 February by Major Ward, Captain Weaver and Captain Jeffers, Headquarters ARS.

Work continues on planning and programming for augmented training program.

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